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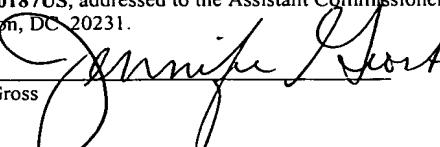


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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Igor V. Karpenko

For: SELF-PAYING SMART UTILITY METER AND PAYMENT SERVICE

Application Elements:

- 26 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 08 Sheets of **informal** Drawings
- 02 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
 - Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment
- Return Receipt Postcard
- Small Entity Statement(s)
- Other:

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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BASIC FEE			\$380	\$	OR
TOTAL CLAIMS	28	-20 = 08	x 9 = \$		\$760 \$760
INDEP CLAIMS	06	-03 = 03	x 39 = \$		x 18 = \$144
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. VISAP022).

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